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#### SPECIFICATION

1. Title of the Invention
Operation Handle for Floor Cleaner

## 2. Scope of Claim for a Patent

An operation handle in which a machine body comprising a rotation brush, a dust collecting box for receiving dust picked up by a rotation thereof and pivot shafts for supporting the machine body while said rotation brush is provided with a rotation, has a long handle, the peripheral face of a short shaft mounted on a reinforcement shaft of the machine body containing an oil groove, a rotation short cylinder being fit to the short shaft, and the outer peripheral face of the rotation short shaft being tapered so that a bent pipe end at the bottom end of the handle being fit to the tapered face tightly.

## 3. Detailed Description of the Invention

For a cleaner provided with a rotation brush, a dust collecting box and a rolling shaft for giving rotations to a rotation brush, contained within a flat machine box whose bottom face is open to be capable of changing its direction to the right or the left on the floor only by pivoting the operation handle slightly, the bottom end of the handle is bent a little and that bent portion is mounted on a mounting portion of the machine body such that it is capable of pivoting. However, in the pivot mechanism portions already proposed through some applications, a short shaft is attached to a reinforcement shaft mounted on the machine body and the pivot shaft, whose top end is bent at a predetermined angle, is installed on that short shaft and a handle is attached to that pivot shaft.

Such a handle pivot mechanism requires at least surplus parts for the pivot shaft portion and thus, there is such a disadvantage that the quantity of assembly steps and faults are increased.

From such viewpoints, the present invention has a feature in that a short cylinder is installed on a short shaft mounted on a reinforcement shaft of the machine body such that it is capable of pivoting freely around the short shaft and the peripheral face of the short cylinder is tapered so that the bent bottom end of the handle is fit to the tapered face directly. Consequently, unnecessary parts disappear from the pivot portion of the handle and thus, not only the above-described fault is eliminated but also the weight of the machine is reduced, so that the cleaner becomes further easy to use.

As for the embodiment shown in the attached drawings, a cleaner comprises a rotation brush 2, a dust collecting box and rotation wheels 4, 4 for driving the rotation brush, provided within a machine box 1 whose bottom face is open. A handle 6 is attached to a reinforcement shaft 5 stretched inside the lateral faces of the machine box.

The handle 6 is elongated for a person to be capable of reciprocating the cleaner on the floor while he is standing upright and for convenience for transportation, this can be disassembled to several short pieces.

The handle 6 operates the cleaner in conditions in which it is tilted at an appropriate angle to the cleaner. For the cleaner to advance in the direction of a twisted handle to the right or the left when the cleaner is pushed with the end of the handle 6 gripped in the condition that it is tilted, a short shaft 7 is provided at the bottom end of the handle 6, that is, a portion which supports the handle by means of a reinforcement shaft 5 and a short cylinder 8 is fit to the short shaft 7 such that it is able to pivot freely around the short shaft 7. A taper is formed on the peripheral face of the short cylinder 8 and then, an end 9 tilted at about 30° at the bottommost end of the storage type handle 6 is squeezed along the tapered face.

To prevent the short cylinder 8 from slipping out of the short shaft 7, a friction plate 10 is provided at the top end of the short shaft and a lubricant collecting groove 11 is provided in the peripheral face of the short shaft 7 to maintain the pivot of the short cylinder 8.

In order to mount the short cylinder 8 which pivots in conditions in which the long handle 6 is tilted and keep the handle standing upright easily on the machine body as shown in FIG. 1, apparently it is necessary to provide its pivot performance with some restriction when it stands upright and provide an opposite end of the short shaft 7 with a mechanism facilitating that standing upright, taking into account matters relating to gravity center. As a result, a leaf spring 12 is attached under the reinforcement shaft 5 and the spring pressure of that leaf spring is applied to the bottom end of the short shaft 7. The bottom end of the short shaft 7 is formed into flat faces 13, 13 at an angle considering the matters relating to the gravity center. The leaf spring 14 is erected along both ends of a concave groove formed in the machine box 1 such that it engages the reinforcement shaft 5 and when the short cylinder 8 stands upright on the top end of the leaf spring 14, its bottom flange portion 15 makes a pressure contact so as to restrict the rotation performance of the short cylinder 8. However, to ensure the operation further, projecting rows 16,16 which expand at a specific angle with respect to the reinforcement shaft 5 are formed in the inner face of the leaf spring 14. When the flange portion 15 of the short cylinder 8 comes in between the two projecting rows 16, 16, the standing upright of the handle 6 is ensured.

## 4. Brief Description of Drawings

The accompanying drawings indicate the embodiment of the operation handle of the present invention. FIG. 1 is a perspective view of the entire floor cleaner, FIG. 2 is a partially broken side sectional view of the handle mounting portion.



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#### 明 超 書

1. 発明の名称 床播除機の操作ハンドル

#### 2. 特許請求の範囲

### 3.発明の詳細な説明

下面の開放する扁平な機面の内部に回転ブラシと、 魔受箱と、回転ブラシに回転を与えるための 転動輪とを備えた掃除機は、 その操作ヘンドルへ のわずかな回動操作をするだけで、 じゅうたん上 を右文は左へ方向転換できるようにするために、 ハンドルの下端を少し曲げ、 その曲がった部分を

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機体取付部に対し回動できるように取付けていたものである。しかし既に接案したいくつかのその回動機構部分は、機体に取付けた補強軸に短軸を取付け、その短軸に上端が所定角度曲がった回動軸を組み込み、その回動軸にハンドルを取付けていたものである。

とのようなハンドル回動機構は、少なくともその回動軸部分の余分な部品を要し、またそれゆえ に組立て工数と故障の増加を招来する欠点があった。

での発明はこのような感染をの を対けた短輪に、その変動となる。 を対したのから、他のでは、ないのでは、ないのでは、でいるでは、ないのでは、ないでは、ないでは、ないでは、ないでは、ないでは、ないないが、は、ないないが、は、ないないでは、ないないないでは、ないないという。 といるのとすることができたのである。

**黎付関節に示す実施例において、機除機は下面** 

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の開放する機関1内に回転プラシ2、 處受箱、回転プラシ駆動用転動輪4.4を備えてできており、 機両項面の内側に模架した補強軸5にハンドル6 を取付けてできている。

ハンドルもは、人が立ったま」で格除機をじゅうたん上で往復動させることができるようにするために翻長いものとなっており、しかしそれを輸送の便に供するために数本の短い部分に分割できるようにしてある。

接するようドして、短簡 8 の回動性に制動を与えるようにしてまる。しかしその作用をさらド確実にするたいに、板けね14の内面には補強軸 5 を素準にして特定角度に広がる触起条 1616 を形成し、その二つの陥起条 1616 間に短簡 8 の跨部15があるときはハンドル 6 の停立を確保するようにしてまる。

#### 4 図面の簡単な触明

添付図面は本発明操作ハンドルの実施例を示し、 第1図付床掃除機全体の斜視図、第2図はハンド ル取付部分の一部破断した側面図である。

符号 1 は根 B、 2 は回事プラシ、 4 は転動権、 5 は補強軸、 6 はハンドル、 7 は短軸、 8 は短急、 9 はハンドル下端、 10 は序板11は固滑油滞留許を示す。

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の最下端のおよそ50度程度に曲げた端りを惹し込み取付けてある。

